IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims as shown below:

1.   (Amended) A digital imaging system capable of correlating processing data and image data, said digital imaging system comprising:

a capturing device for receiving said image data and said processing data;

a manager device coupled to said capturing device for building a data cell containing said processing data and for linking said data cell to said image data, wherein said processing data includes settings of said capturing device at image capture time; and

a processing device coupled to said capturing device for processing said image data using said processing data within said data cell, wherein said capturing device is operable for receiving additional data while said processing of said image data is being performed.

6.   (Amended) A method for correlating processing data and image data in a digital imaging system, said method comprising the steps of:

a)   receiving said image data and said processing data using a capturing device;

b)   building a data cell with a manager device, wherein said data cell contains said processing data, and said processing data includes settings of said capturing device at image capture time;

c)   linking said data cell to said image data; and

d)   processing said image data using said processing data within said data cell, wherein said step d) can be performed while said capturing device is receiving additional data.